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Notice of Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls*,
CG Docket No. 17-59

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 23, CenturyLink met by telephone with Eric Burger of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis; John Adams and Jerusha Burnett of the Consumer & Government Affairs Bureau; Heather Hendrickson and Sherwin Siy of the Wireline Competition Bureau; and Kenneth Carlberg of the Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau.

Participating for CenturyLink were Jeb Benedict, Phil Linse, Joseph Scivicque, and Steve Showell.

CenturyLink described the benefits of the SHAKEN protocols defined by the Internet Engineering Task Force and the STIR specifications defined by the ATIS/SIP Forum NNI Task Force. The company spoke of its initial and continued involvement in the industry standards and development work on SHAKEN/STIR and reviewed both the company's and the industry's implementation and further development of this technology. CenturyLink described the ongoing standards development, and the company's and the industry's anticipated schedule for testing and deployment of this technology.

CenturyLink also highlighted how the implementation and increasing deployment of these standards will benefit consumers, with impacts being visible beginning in 2019. CenturyLink also discussed additional ways of reducing unwanted robocalls and Caller ID "spoofing."

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This letter is being filed in the above-referenced docket pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. ¶ 1.1206(b).

Respectfully,

/s/ John E. Benedict

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